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In re Application of : Yu et al.
For : **MANUFACTURE OF ABRASION
RESISTANT COMPOSITE
EXTRUSIONS**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued January 27, 2003 in connection with the above-identified case. In the Office Action, the Examiner presented an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicants elect species 1 of group 1, with traverse, for further prosecution on the merits. The Examiner indicated that claims readable on this species include claims 2-16 and 16-20 in species 1A and claims 31-40 in species 1B and claims 15 and 26-30 which are generic to species 1-3.

Applicants also submit that claim 1 reads on species 1A. Thus, Applicants

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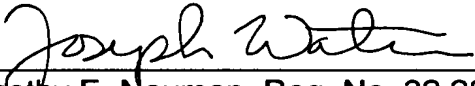
submit that claims 1-20, 26-30 and 31-40 should be examined based on this selection.

From the Office Action, it is unclear whether the Examiner is requiring a further election between subspecies 1A and subspecies 1B. Applicants submit that both subspecies 1A and 1B belong to general species 1 and therefore should be examined. However, to the extent that the Examiner requires a further election between subspecies, Applicants elect subspecies 1A which the Examiner has indicated includes claims 2-16 and 16-20, as well as generic claims 26-30, and independent base claim 1 as suggested by Applicants.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any non-elected claims in divisional applications. Applicants submit that the above is fully responsive to the Examiner's election restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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